



# RESIDENTIAL FENCE GUIDE

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A permit is required for all new fences and fence replacements that involve moving posts. Prior to the start of any work, a properly completed permit application and permit fee must be submitted. The Town of Pittsboro also recommends checking to make sure that fences or certain fence materials are not prohibited in your subdivision as part of the private covenants or restrictions. Upon receiving an approved permit, work may begin on your fence construction. Failure to obtain a fence permit is a violation of the Town's Unified Development Ordinance and may be enforced according to the provisions therein.

A professional property boundary survey is encouraged but not required. A site plan is required with the permit application. Items to be included on the site plan are:

- Boundary of entire lot.
- Location, height, and materials of proposed fence.
- Location of existing buildings and structures (including existing fences).
- Name and location of adjacent streets.

It is the property owners responsibility to ensure:

- Fences do not disrupt the flow of water in any drainage easement, or otherwise result in impediments for storm water runoff.
- Fences are located entirely on the subject property and do not cross lot lines (fences may be built up to a property line).
- Fences are properly maintained and kept in good condition.

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## MATERIALS

- Permitted: Wood; composite wood; stone, masonry; wrought iron; decorative metal; PVC; vinyl, zinc, or powder coated chain link; and galvanized chain link.
- Prohibited: Fences shall not incorporate chicken wire, mesh wire, agriculture wire, metal or plastic slats within chain link, snow fence, barbed wire, above ground electrified wires, razor wire, glass, sharpened top spikes, or similarly dangerous materials.

## HEIGHT

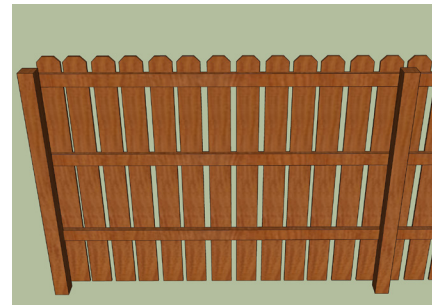
- Height Measurement. The height of a fence or wall shall be determined by measuring from the adjacent grade to the highest point of the fence or wall, excluding posts. Fence posts may exceed the maximum height of the fence by up to 1 foot.
- Fences and walls shall not exceed six (6) feet in height in residential districts in the rear and side yards. Fences and walls shall not exceed three (3) feet in height in the front yard.
- Corner lots are considered to have two front yards (see diagram on reverse).
- Fences around sport courts shall be exempt from the maximum height regulations but must meet applicable setback standards for accessory structures in the district in which they are located.

## OPACITY

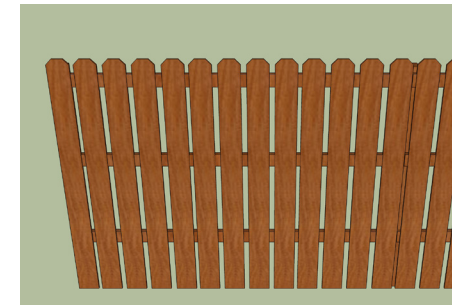
- A fence in the front yard shall permit direct vision from one side to the other through at least fifty percent (50%) of the fence.

## PRESENTATION

- Fences and walls shall present the non-structural face outwards.



Structural Face



Non-structural Face

*NOTE: This guide is informational only and does not contain all of the requirements for construction. The complete Town of Pittsboro Unified Development Ordinance can be found online at [www.townofpittsboro.org](http://www.townofpittsboro.org).*

# FENCE DIAGRAM

